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PRESIDENT EZRA SQUIER TIPPLE

To the Editorial Board of The Acorn.

The beginning of any enterprise is in the nature of an adventure. And when anyone has lost the zest for adventure age has come upon him. I have always liked the motto of one of the poets of the Reformation, "I will venture it." There is something stirring and inspirational in that.

I feel like congratulating the members of the Freshman Class of Brothers College on their adventurous purpose to establish and maintain a college paper.

Brothers College itself is a great adventure, one of the most striking in the history of American education. The building of a Liberal Arts College into a Theological school with a history of more than sixty years of successful endeavor, during which the Seminary has come to world fame, is, so far as I know without precedent. Of the success of this daring effort, however, I have never had a suspicion of doubt. Drew University is destined to become one of the foremost institutions of learning in the United States.

To be members of the first class of Brothers College is no small distinction. The initiative shown in the early publishing of a college paper is most praiseworthy. The name chosen has in it both the witness of life and the prophecy of growth.

Be assured of my confidence and of my best wishes for your largest success.

Ezra Squier Tipple.

President Tipple Announces Resignation

President Ezra Squier Tipple of Drew University announced at the university chapel service Thursday, November 15th that at the November meeting of the board of trustees, held in New York on November 14th he had presented his resignation as president, to take effect upon the election of his successor.

He made it clear, however, to the members of the faculty and to the students, as he had to the trustees, that while resigning from the presidency he had no thought of severing his connection with the institution. At the meeting of the trustees he asked that a committee be named to confer with him as to some way of relieving him of many of the administrative burdens until such time as his successor has been chosen. This committee will report at an adjourned meeting of the board to be held Wednesday, December 5.

President Tipple came to Drew as a professor of practical theology in 1905 and was made president, succeeding the late Reverend Henry Anson Buttz, in 1912. Before taking up his work at Drew he held several pastorates in New York City. Long recognized as one of the outstanding leaders of the Methodist Episcopal Church, President Tipple has been a delegate to every General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church from 1904 to the present time. He is a trustee of Syracuse University from which he was graduated in 1887, a member of the board of managers of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church and for more than a score of years was also a trustee of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

He is Secretary of the Book Committee of the Methodist Book Concern of New York, and at the last General Conference was named a member of the University Senate. He has for many years been a member

of the committee on versions of the American Bible Society, and a member of the administrative committee and commission on international justice and good will of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

He is the author of many widely read books including "The Heart of Asbury's Journal," "The Life of Freeborn Garrettson," "Some Famous Country Parishes," and "The Life of Francis Asbury." The two series of "Drew Sermons" and the three volumes of "Drew Sermons on the Golden Texts" were edited by President Tipple, as was the History of Drew which was published in 1917.

Drew's Annual Missionary Campaign

One of the "red-letter" events each year on our Drew calendar is the annual missionary campaign, in which students and faculty unite to give concrete evidence of our enthusiasm for the enterprise abroad. This year the campaign started officially on October 22nd. The first three days were given to preparation, drawing our attention to the project before us, and acquainting us with what we were to undertake. In this the following all played a part: display of the flags of the Latin American republics; a sizeable thermometer on which we were presently to register the warmth of our enthusiasm for our undertaking; challenging posters; a letter and leaflet of information; and a meeting on the evening of Wednesday, October 24th, at which Reverend M. H. Warren, one of the missionaries of our Board to Latin America, told us something of the work of the evangelical agencies in that field.

The particular project to which the funds we raise this year will apply is an interdenominational undertaking, to provide adequate religious educational material for Spanish and Portuguese-speaking work everywhere, especially in all of Latin America. The goal set is $700.

Solicitation commenced on October 25th, and closed officially on November 9th. The total subscribed at that date was $603. Of this amount, $175 was from the faculty, and the remaining $428 from the student body, the latter sum representing a total of 121 pledges. Inasmuch as there are in the student body a total of 211 potential pledgees, counting married couples as one, there were 90 possible pledgees who up to November 9th had either been unable so far to see their way clear to make a pledge, or else had not yet been approached. Although the campaign has officially closed, soliciting will continue until everyone is seen. By that time it is hoped the total pledged will have reached, if not over-reached, the goal set. The committee will make a report at that time.

Those in charge of the campaign wish to give public acknowledgement and thanks through these columns to all who have had a part in the soliciting and to those who in so many other ways have helped to conduct the campaign in a manner worthy of our institution and the cause.

Eyes of Youth

In the eyes of youth there is hope
Sorrow has not quenched the flaming
Fire of desire; pain, the dull dope
Death, are foreign to aspiring
Youth; The quest of truth, that only
His soul looks to passionately.

In the eyes of youth there is life
Life eternal ne'er is doubted;
Youth, the ever challenging strife,
Meets with eyes clear, mind concerted,
Body clean, the will ever to live,
And his soul with God; he does live.

Everad F. Broberg, '30.

Founders Day

The Reverend Bishop Francis J. McConnell, D.D., LL.D., of New York City was the speaker at the Founders Day Exercises held on Friday, October 19th. The exercises attracted hundreds of alumni and visitors. Commenting on the deep abyss between the ideals of Christ and the nature of our present civilization and the mutual suspicion among church leaders, due to racial or denominational differences, Bishop McConnell declared that ministers must take a world view before there can be any hope of world evangelization or church unity.

Wednesday Lectures

The first of the Drew public lectures for 1928 was given by President Tipple on Wednesday, November 7th. Speaking on John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" Dr. Tipple answered the sharp criticism of Bunyan by Alfred Noyes. Challenging the assertion of Mr. Noyes that Bunyan was a bigot, Dr. Tipple declared that there is not the slightest reference in Pilgrim's Progress either directly or indirectly to denominationalism or sectarianism. In discussing the qualities of Pilgrim's Progress which have made the book of such enduring fame, Dr. Tipple referred to the simple, sun-clear style and to the perfect artistry of Bunyan in arresting and holding attention.

The Reverend Arthur D. Berry, D.D., Dean of the Aoyama Gakuin Theological Seminary at Tokyo, Japan and a graduate of Drew of the Class of 1898, delivered an interesting lecture on Wednesday November 14th on "Why Christians Go to Japan." Defending the right of missionaries to go to the Orient, Dean Berry showed how profoundly the soul of Japan has already been influenced by our western civilization, and suggested that we have as much right to present the Bible and the international Christ to the Japanese as to sell them American sewing machines and books by Bertrand Russell and John Dewey.

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What Is It?

"Why do the twelve freshmen need a magazine?"

Wait! Just a minute! You have the wrong idea! This is not a Brothers College paper but a Drew University Monthly. Our aim is to serve Drew in every way a paper can serve a university.

For the first few numbers we shall have four departments - News, Literary, Editorial and Humor - in addition to our Special Feature Section. Through the News department you may keep in touch with Drew's current events, both campus and faculty and alumni. The Literary department is to be the high pressure valve for the University's literary talent. In addition to short articles and poems it will contain book reviews by members of the faculty and student body as well as a list of some of the best new books placed in our library. The Editorial department will comment on current events. The Humor department will help you to keep smiling with its culled jokes and campus comicality.

This is a new adventure for all the staff members. We are following paths we have never before pursued, so we solicit you who have passed this way and who have a little knowledge of the highway of journalism to help us by your criticism and co-operation. We thank those who have helped in the preparation of this number and pledge ourselves, if you continue this encouragement and assistance, to do all that we can to make this paper stimulating, interesting and useful, and worthy of the best traditions of Drew.

A Dedication and an Appreciation

The Freshman Class of Brothers College unites with the other classes of Drew University in expressing the keenest sorrow at the announcement of the resignation of our greatly beloved President.

In the two brief months we have been students at Drew we have come to hold President Tipple in high respect and deep affection. We have been impressed by his genuine concern for the welfare of every student in the University, by his constant kindness and fine courtesy, and by his quick and unfailing sympathy. We have also been impressed by his intense and single-hearted devotion to Drew and by the ardor of his faith in her future.

In the twenty-three years which he and Mrs. Tipple have served this institution they have given themselves completely to the task of building a new and greater Drew. The heavy administrative burdens which President Tipple has carried these many years we cannot begin to understand, but we do know that the distinction to which this school has come is due in large measure to his unceasing labors and that the Drew University of future years will be builded on the sure foundation he has laid.

That there may be some public expression of our gratitude we dedicate this, the first number of "The Acorn" to President Ezra Squier Tipple, our counselor and our friend.

December Public Lectures

The Reverend Lynn Harold Hough, D.D., LL.D., pastor of the American Presbyterian Church of Montreal, will deliver a series of five public lectures on "The Adventure of Preaching" in the chapel of Drew University at Madison, New Jersey on December 4th, 5th and 6th. His subjects will be "Preaching as an Adventure with Words," "Preaching as an Adventure with Ideas," "Preaching as an Adventure with Ideals," "Preaching as an Adventure with People," and "Preaching as a Spiritual Adventure." Dr. Hough is a graduate of Drew of the Class of 1905 and has been a special lecturer in preaching in the Theological Seminary since 1920.

The Reverend Charles L. Goodell, D.D., Secretary of the Commission on Evangelism and Life Service of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, will deliver a series of three public lectures on Evangelism on December 12th and 13th. Dr. Goodell, who has been a special lecturer in Evangelism at Drew since 1918, will speak on "The Evangelistic History and Challenge of Methodism," "The Man Who Would Save the World," and "Priest, Pastor and Prophet."

Lest We Forget

The President's Reception

This annual welcome at the home of President and Mrs. Tipple was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by the combined faculty and student body on the evening of September twenty-seventh. Splendid music was the special event of the evening. Mrs. Kinoshita, wife of one of our Japanese students who is studying under the direction of Mr. Henry Weston Smith, rendered several selections in English and Japanese. Mrs. Henry Weston Smith sang some beautiful and difficult selections, followed by

Mrs. Noel E. Bensinger who performed masterfully on her violin, to the delight and admiration of all present. Refreshments were served by Day of Morristown, and the fellowship was one long to be remembered.

The Y.M.C.A. Reception

The small voice crying in each of us for the old days and the old games was allowed free expression at the Y.M.C.A. Reception in the Bowne Gymnasium October 4th. Many imagined themselves back in their own home town, back on the old play lots, and so they acted. Farmer-in-the Dell, Jack Rabbit, and all those games dear to the heart of all of us, again were played with vim, vigor and enthusiasm. The attack of "Heap-big-Injun" upon "Devil Dancer" Choy brought the party to the climax.

Social Events To Be

Faculty Ladies Prepare Reception

Everyone is invited to attend the reception to be held in Mead Hall on Thursday, November 22nd, at eight o'clock. The entertainment, consisting of a one-act play and a grand opera, promises to be one of note. The cast has been working hard and the producers expect the performance to be a success.

PROGRAM OF ENTERTAINMENT:

"Il Advertiso" or "The Opera of Caramenuchi."

Cast of Characters:- (in order of their appearance)

Pianist	Miss Marjorie Hanton	'30
Producer	Harry P. Folger, Jr.	'30
Tomato Razzberri, Duke of Parchesi	George Whiteman	'31
Victrola, his wife	Miss Carcline Soper	'31
Piccelina, his elder daughter	Miss Ruth Mitschke	'29
Peacherina, his younger daughter	Mrs. Sadie King	'31
Count Ivori Domo, rich but vile	Ellis Pierce	Gr.
Sir Ansco Kodako, poor but valiant	Kenneth Grady	'30

Cast of Properties:-

Two Curtains	Roger Williams	'31
	George Storey	'30
Four Footlights	Francis Thomas	'31
	John Griffith	'31
	Paul K. Corley	'29
	Frank J. Reid	'29
The Sun Dial	Lloyd L. Krug	'30

Cast of Production:-
Stage Manager, Electricians, Producer, Stage Hands, Make-up Artist, Prompter, Orchestra Leader, Choral Leader, etc.

There will also be a One-Act Play - "The Two Lunatics"

Other Social Events

Under the Direction of the Student Social Committee

December - The Third Thursday, December 20, 1928

Christmas Party followed by the annual Carol Sing.

Santa Claus will be with us - gifts for all.

January - Mid-year examinations. Everyone be sure to attend.

February - The Third Thursday, February 21, 1929

Mock Reception by the cabinet of the Student Association.

March - The Third Thursday, March 21, 1929

Second Reception by the Faculty Ladies.

S.W.B. Notes

Miss Graf has recently returned from the W.F.M.S. Conference at Los Angeles. As a missionary on furlough, she attended the Conference as a general executive. S.W.B. girls hold it an honor to have now two returned missionaries in their midst, Miss Graf and Miss Rohde.

S.W.B. girls enjoyed a very pleasant evening last Thursday when they accepted an invitation to the Browning Club Initiation held in the small dining room. The play, the first of an interesting program, was indeed "The Supreme Sacrifice" staged in "Three Struggles." Following a most impressive initiation, refreshments were served. The remainder of the evening was spent in a very informal entertainment. Everyone enjoyed the various musical selections and readings and expressed their sincere appreciation to the "Brownies."

Adieu, Mr. and Mrs. Mather

It is with much regret that we bid goodbye to two of the university members, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mather. Mr. Mather's spicy bits of humor have added zest and life to many campus occasions. His going will remove a never-failing source of fun and geniality from our midst. Mr. and Mrs. Mather, who have been special students in the diploma division of the College of Missions, have accepted a charge at Trout Run, Pa. in the Central Pennsylvania Conference, and are planning to continue their studies at Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa. As Mr. and Mrs. Mather go from here, they have the best wishes of the entire student body.

One Normal Frosh

So far there is only one blunder marked against the Freshman class. This happened at the beginning of the semester. A Freshman car-owner wished to get to Morristown to see "The King of Kings" but did not want to show his ignorance by asking his way. He went into Madison to find a road sign and saw this familiar phrase -

MORRISTOWN - UNDER NEXT BRIDGE

The last we saw of him, he was still looking for the place at the crossing of Kings Road and Madison Avenue.

The "Brothers" Step Out!

The students of Brothers College have found it almost impossible to attend all the social functions given in their honor. A typical example of this fact occurred on Sunday, October 28th. Mrs. Catherall entertained at an afternoon tea. Over thirty-five young persons were present and enjoyed a program of rare and excellent selections presented by Miss Soper and other young ladies of the University. Mrs. Kinoshita delighted the guests with her sweet solos and sweet ways. The "Brothers"

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were forced to rush from this pleasant company to the waiting automobiles, in order to be hurried to the Ogden Memorial Presbyterian Church at Chatham. Here they enjoyed a delightful supper and attended a fellowship service in company with the Young People's Group of the Church.

C. Irving Carpenter Wins State Radio Audition

C. Irving Carpenter of the Class of 1930 received first prize in the State Musical Audition conducted by the Atwater Kent Foundation of Philadelphia at Atlantic City. The State Contest was conducted from the radio station WPG Atlantic City on October 26th. Mr. Carpenter, who has been singing under the direction of Mr. Henry Weston Smith, is a baritone of great promise and has received much praise from musical critics. He was a member of the Drew University Quartet last year and has appeared often as a soloist in Madison and neighboring towns. Having won the right to represent New Jersey, Mr. Carpenter participated in the Sectional Contest held at Station WEAF New York City on Saturday, November 17th. The winner of the Sectional Audition has not as yet been announced.

Alumni Notes

On Wednesday afternoon, November 21st, the Rev. Dan. B. Brummitt, D.D., L.H.D., of the Class of 1902, visited the university and delivered a public lecture in the Seminary Chapel. A report of his lecture will appear in the next issue of The Acorn.

Dr. Edmund D. Soper, of the Class of 1905, who since 1924 has been Vice-President of Duke University and Dean of the School of Religion, has been elected President of Ohio Wesleyan University. Professor Soper was Professor of Missions and Comparative Religion at Drew from 1914 to 1919.

The Rev. Paul Burt of the Class of 1916, who has been pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Lockport, N. Y. since 1924, has been appointed pastor of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church at Urbana, Illinois and Director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Illinois. Mr. Burt succeeds Bishop James C. Baker.

The Rev. Joseph M. M. Gray, D.D., D.Litt., of the Class of 1901, who has been pastor of the Elm Park Methodist Episcopal Church at Scranton, Pa. since 1920, has accepted an invitation to become pastor of the Central Methodist Episcopal Church of Detroit, Michigan, succeeding Dr. Lynn Harold Hough.

The Rev. John C. Davison, D.D., of the Class of 1873, died on October 20th at his home in Berkeley, California in his eighty-fifth year. Dr. Davison and his brother-in-law, the Rev. Julius Soper, D.D., also of the Class of 1873, of Glendale, California, both spent fifty-five years in the Methodist ministry and were among the first Methodist missionaries in Japan. While the Reverend Philo M. Buck is regarded as the first foreign missionary to graduate from Drew because of his years of missionary service prior to his admission to Drew in 1875, Dr. Soper and Dr. Davison were the first to leave Drew for the Mission Field.

Dr. Davison began his missionary work at Nagasaki, Japan in 1873. He was for forty-five years presiding elder in charge of churches and schools in Nagasaki, in Yokohama, in Tokyo and for twenty years in Kumamoto. In 1881, in co-operation with C. E. Long, he founded the great school, Chinzei Gakuin, at Nagasaki. He retired in 1922. Dr. Davison was not only an evangelist, but he had a rare gift of song and could thrill great audiences singing the songs of Japan. He is the father of Christian hymnology in Japan and translated many hymns, besides publishing the first Christian Japanese hymnal.

Books

"Francis Asbury." By W. L. Duren. N.Y.: Macmillan, 1928
Reviewed by Harry Jason Smith

The spirit of Francis Asbury is in our midst. The Pilling Memorial statue of Asbury by Augustus Lukeman, the most complete collection of Asbury manuscripts in existence, Asbury's name above the door of one of our dormitories, Dr. North's fine Asbury Hymn, all these witness to the abiding influence of the great itinerant. Know, too, that here on our campus is the man who perhaps of all living men knows the most about our pioneer Bishop. I refer to President Tipple, whose two books, "Francis Asbury, the Prophet of the Long Road," and "The Heart of Asbury's Journal," have made their subject live again.

Now comes a fine, discriminating study of Asbury by the man who knows the "next most" about him, the Reverend William Larkin Duren, pastor of St. Mark's Methodist Episcopal Church South, at Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Duren spent several days in our Drew Library while preparing the book, working carefully and patiently through the original documents.

Dr. Duren has heeded the counsel of an eminent teacher of Church History: "Do not be afraid to tell the truth about Asbury; he is great enough to stand it." His volume is marked by candor, restraint, and a judicious illumination of faults as well as virtues. Yet with a kindling enthusiasm he tells how Asbury welded discordant elements, directed mounting religious fervor, subdued rampant Toryism and formed the amorphous mass that was early Methodism into "the most mobile and aggressive spiritual and ecclesiastical unit in the New World."

The "New History," as far as there is any such thing, stresses the interplay of social forces and the growth and decay of social institutions. Dr. Duren is alive to the new emphasis and shows us Asbury as a fighting anti-slavery preacher, as a friend of education and as a

citizen. His chapter on Asbury as "An Unofficial Minister of State" is a revelation of Methodism as a nation builder.

Biography is the ideal reading. With all the gripping interest of fiction, plus the tang of reality, giving as it does that lift to the spirit that comes with watching a masterly life in the living, biography is, for the writer at least, the most rewarding of literary forms. This biography is a worthy study of a great man. I commend it to your reading.

Have You Read These?

1. Hunger Lighters - Paul de Kruif - Harcourt
   October selection of the Book-of-the-Month Club. The Romance of science in search for food. Read also his "Microbe Hunters."
2. Catholicism and the American Mind - Winfred Ernest Garrison - Willet, Clark and Colby.
   A level-eyed look at the great Protestant bogie.
3. Living in the twentieth century: a consideration of how we got this way. Harry Elmer Barnes - Bobbs-Merrill.
   By one of the "enfants terrible" of modern social science.
4. Adventure: the Faith of Science - B.H. Streeter, ed. - Macmillan.
   If you are overawed by science and bewildered about religion, read this.
5. Jubilee Jim: the Life of Col. James Fiske, Jr., by Robert H. Fuller - Macmillan. How to be a pirate and steal a railroad.
6. My Autobiography - Benito Mussolini - Scribners.
   All about the Big Noise in Europe - by himself.
7. Drums - James Boyd - Scribners. (new edition, illustrated by N.C. Wyeth)
   A rattling, marching story of the Revolution, with passages of poignant beauty. Don't miss this.
8. The Life and Writings of John Bunyan - Harold E. B. Speight - Harper.
   Timely and authoritative. November choice by the Religious Book Club.
9. Pilgrim's Progress - John Bunyan
   One of the noblest works in English prose, old, yet ever new.
10. What Philosophy Is - Harold A. Larrabee - Vanguard Press.
    Read it and grow.

Humor! !

MacGuire: I didn't see you in church last Sunday.
Hayes: I know you didn't. I was taking up the collection.

Yoxtheimer claims he can play the cornet while blindfolded. Handcuffs seem to be the only remedy.

Old John Law (at Main St. & Waverly Pl.): Young man, do you know anything about the traffic laws of this town?
Manton: Yes, a little. Can I help you?

We have to admit one thing and it is that Hunt, our barber, sure does know how to scrape up acquaintances.

Soup eater (to waiter): What kind of soup is this?
Franzen: Mock turtle.
Soup eater: Take it back and tell the chef he's carried his mockery too far.

Mr. Bensinger: What are you doing, young man?
Stude: None of your business.
-He was right, gentle reader, so they fired him.

Stafford: I've brought that last pair of trousers to be reseated. You know, I sit a lot.
Ackles: Yes, and I hope you've brought the bill to be receipted. You know, I've stood a lot.

Prof.: And did I make myself plain?
Frosh: No, sir. God did that.

Mrs. Davies: Are you sure this is a perfectly original theme?
Frosh: Not exactly. You may find one or two words in the dictionary.

Heard over in Embury

"What time is it?" his wife asked him as he came in.
"About one."
Just then the clock struck five.
"Gracious, when did the clock begin to stutter?" he exclaimed as he dodged the book-end.

This one in Mead Hall

"Pardon, are you a student?"
"Oh, no. I just go to school here."

Mugrdichian: I've just thought of a good joke.
Lonsdale: Quit thinking of yourself and listen to me.

Big rumpus started in Sing Sing the other day. Some physiologist got up there and told the boarders that life originally started from a single cell. They didn't mind this, but when he added that many end there, too, - why they just up and at him.